

**FOI 0406/2024 Response**

**We are interested in the role of peer support workers within your organisation. A peer support worker is someone who has obtained their role (paid or voluntary) through having lived experience of mental health services.**

**Clarification: The request is in relation to Peer Support workers specifically within acute inpatient services.**

**1. How many peer support workers are employed within acute inpatient mental health settings**

There are NIL (0) paid Peer Support Workers within Acute inpatient services.

**2. Are the posts voluntary or paid and if paid at what banding?**

Please refer to the response provided for Q1.

**3. Are there any vacant peer support worker posts in these settings and if so how many?**

There are no vacancies

**4. What strategies and policy documents do you have in place in relation to supporting peer support workers in their roles?**

Please note that we do not have any Peer Support Workers within Acute inpatient services.

However we do have Peer Support workers in other areas of the Trust. For these Peer Support Workers there are no specific strategies and policies.

Peer Support Workers are employees and therefore are subject to the same workforce strategies, human resources policies, occupational health and wellbeing offers as all other employees.